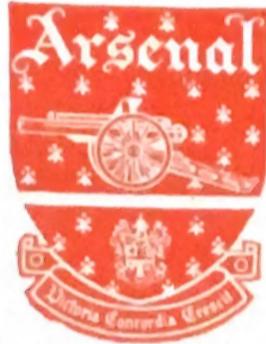


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SEASON 1968-69
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Saturday, 7th December

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Kick-off 3 p.m.

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TOPICS OF THE WEEK

SO IT IS Wembley again! We have told you several times in our programme this season how determined our players were, after last year's unsatisfactory Final, to get back to Wembley and win the Football League Cup. We congratulate them now on their magnificent performance in the competition this season – how nice to have put out Liverpool and Spurs on the road to Wembley, and although we have got plenty of time to think about it (the Final is not until March 15) the boys will not have wavered in their determination when the great day comes. We are sure you will give them a rousing welcome when they run out on to our pitch this afternoon, especially John Radford, who scored both the goals that beat Spurs. At the time of writing we do not know our opponents, but does it really matter?

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As far as the League is concerned, since these notes were last written, we have suffered our first home defeat of the season against Chelsea, but followed this up by taking both points from Burnley at Turf Moor last Saturday, to record our fifth away win of the season (no other First Division side has won more than five, and only Liverpool, Leeds and ourselves have done this). There is very little that need be said about the Chelsea match. What really matters is what is going to happen in your next match, not what happened in the last. There was, of course, a controversial issue when we had a goal disallowed for an alleged hand-ball, but since it is not our policy to question referees' decisions in print, plus the fact, of course, that we did have other chances of scoring, we cannot blame one incident alone for not winning. As far as Burnley was concerned it might be better to quote what was said about us than to say it ourselves. Here is an extract from *The Sunday Express* report of the game: "Arsenal,

with almost as many chances as their hosts, were still massively confident, compact, and coldly efficient. Indeed they scarcely needed to have brought goalkeeper Bob Wilson along for the trip. One could easily have been left with a feeling that Arsenal were playing a flat-out defensive style, but in fact the longer the game went on the more obvious it became that this was an illusion created by their tremendous speed of recoil from attack into defence." Congratulations, incidentally, to Jimmy Robertson on scoring his first League goal for Arsenal. When the goal is worth two points it makes it all the more satisfying!

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The visit of Everton today is a real top-of-the-table battle. To us, this match is virtually worth four points, as to win it would take us within one point of Everton (with a game in hand), and to lose it, would give Everton a five point lead on us. The pace is unquestionably getting hotter and hotter at the top. There is an interesting comparison here involving Everton. They are second in the League now having played 21 games and have a total of 30 points. In the 1961-62 season, they were also second in the League having played 21 games, but with a total of only 25 points. Today, a side with 25 points is sixth in the table. A further indication of the change was a recent television programme in which the great "Dixie" Dean appeared. Dean scored 60 goals in a single season and a total of 379 in his League career. Would he be given as many opportunities in the modern game; would his tremendous skill have been enough to penetrate the blanket defences which prevail in modern football; would he have been more successful here at Highbury than two great contemporary forwards were in recent weeks – Geoff Hurst and Jimmy Greaves? Here is a talking point to take up a lot of time!

In view of what we said early in the season about London's challenge to the North it is interesting to see the grouping of the teams at the top of the table at the moment, with the North, in the shape of Liverpool, Everton and Leeds at the top, with Arsenal, West Ham, Chelsea and Tottenham immediately behind them - the best the Midlands can do at present is to have West Bromwich Albion in eighth position, and Wolves fourteenth, with Stoke Coventry, Leicester and Nottingham Forest only just ahead of the bottom team. At this, the half-way house, it would seem that Liverpool is the side that we really have to track, especially as they have been to Highbury but we have to travel to Anfield, but it might be worth adding that the side who were top of the table half-way through the season last year, Manchester United, did not win the Championship!

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Monday next is one of the big days in the football calendar - when the draw is made for the third round of the F.A. Cup. Fate seemed to be running against us for a long time when, beginning with January, 1965, we had eight successive away draws. How ironical, at long last, when we got a home draw in the fifth round last year, that we went out.

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HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION

A	Ipswich v. W.B.A.
B	Leeds v. Sheffield Wednesday
C	Leicester v. Manchester United	.....
D	Liverpool v. West Ham United	.....
E	Manchester City v. Burnley	.....
F	Q.P.R. v. Coventry City	.....
G	Southampton v. Nottingham Forest	.....
H	Stoke City v. Newcastle United	.....
J	Sunderland v. Chelsea	.....
K	Wolverhampton v. Tottenham	.....

SECOND DIVISION

L	Aston Villa v. Charlton	.....
M	Fulham v. Cardiff	.....
N	Hull v. Crystal Palace	.....
P	Millwall v. Carlisle	.....

F.A. CUP—SECOND ROUND

Q	Brighton v. Northampton	.....
R	Kettering v. Dartford	.....
S	Luton v. Gillingham	.....
T	St. Albans v. Walsall	.....
U	Southend v. Brentwood	.....
V	Watford v. Brentford	.....

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

	HOME	Goals		AWAY		Goals		A.Pts				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	
Liverpool	22	10	1	0	24	6	5	3	3	17	7	34
EVERTON	21	9	1	1	29	5	3	5	2	19	14	30
Leeds United	20	7	3	0	16	4	5	3	2	13	13	30
ARSENAL	20	5	4	1	13	5	5	3	2	10	7	27
West Ham	21	7	3	1	32	11	2	5	3	10	13	26
Chelsea	21	5	5	1	20	11	4	2	4	16	11	25
Tottenham	20	5	3	2	25	13	3	4	3	13	16	23
West Brom.	21	7	3	1	23	11	2	2	6	10	25	23
Burnley	21	7	2	2	18	11	3	1	6	11	24	23
Sheffield Wed.	20	5	3	2	17	13	2	5	3	8	11	22
Newcastle	21	4	5	2	17	13	2	3	5	13	18	20
Man. United	20	5	4	2	13	10	1	4	4	11	16	20
Southampton	22	5	2	3	17	15	2	4	5	19	19	20
Wolverhampton	21	4	4	2	15	12	2	3	6	8	13	19
Sunderland	21	6	2	2	16	8	0	5	6	8	29	19
Man. City	21	4	5	1	21	11	1	2	8	9	19	17
Ipswich	21	3	2	5	15	17	3	3	5	13	16	17
Stoke City	21	5	2	3	9	10	0	3	8	10	21	15
Coventry City	21	2	3	6	12	16	1	3	6	7	19	12
Leicester City	21	3	4	3	14	13	0	2	9	4	25	12
Nottingham For.	19	0	5	4	8	14	1	4	5	16	19	11
Q.P.R.	20	3	4	3	14	18	0	1	9	10	29	11

Solution to Arsenal Crossword No. 14

Across: 1. Over the bar. 9. Bath. 10. Centre half. 11. Emerge. 12. Meaning. 15. See saws. 16. Guile. 17. Tate, 18. Skid. 19. Brown. 21. Handled. 22. Setters. 24. Orient. 27. In the slips. 28. Nile. 29. Gone to seed.

Down: 2. View. 3. Rotten. 4. Heeling. 5. Bias. 6. Referee. 7. Fair tackle. 8. Three sides. 12. Match point. 13. Aston Villa. 14. Guard. 15. Slows. 19. Beating. 20. Nearest. 23. Tables. 25. Stun. 26. Apse.

Arsenal Crossword No. 15 is on page 12.

All-Ticket Matches

By BOB WALL

BEFORE the War the expression "all-ticket" was practically unknown except for the Final at Wembley and matches of this kind but, after the resumption of normal football and in particular, after the Bolton disaster, everyone became (quite rightly) much more security conscious. This meant that when big attendances were anticipated for special games in the Cup, Police Officials tended to request that such matches should be all-ticket. This is not to put the onus completely on the Police because, after all, Clubs have responsibilities in such matters and it was felt that security steps should be taken to avoid more people coming into a particular area at any one time when it was fairly certain that not all of them would be able to gain admittance.

This line of thought became even more pronounced with the introduction of floodlighting systems and, therefore, matches at night, where public security became even more difficult to achieve.

The recent matches against Tottenham Hotspur in the Semi-Final of the League Cup have spotlighted this particular aspect of the football scene and has brought out the many problems which abound at this kind of match - problems not only for the Club but for the spectator. I felt, therefore, that in the interests of communication with the public and our desire, as ever, that Arsenal fans should be treated in the best possible way this article might help to put "Mr. Everyman" in the picture.

I have received a large number of letters of complaint from Arsenal supporters about the recent all-ticket matches, all of which are claiming that it is not necessary. The grounds for claiming this were many and varied: the chief of them being that it plays into the hands of the ticket touts, it is inconvenient and costly for spectators to come to Highbury on a Sunday (or any other day) to buy tickets when they have to pay the same expenses to come again to see the match. One appreciates these problems and I want you to know that we have given a great deal of thought and spent much time in trying to work out a satisfactory formula for solving all these problems.

When we played Tottenham here on the 20th November it was suggested by many people that we ought to have sold the ground tickets through the turnstiles when we played Newcastle in the League match on the 9th November. Similarly I have had many suggestions that the tickets for the match at Tottenham on the 4th December should have been sold on the 23rd November when we played Chelsea and it sounds logical from the point of view of the man in the street. I do not want you to think that we did not consider it because we did, at great length, but having considered all the problems which could have arisen we decided against it.

One of the biggest problems is that we would have

to spread out the Cup-tie tickets amongst all of the turnstiles (some 60 odd) but, as I am sure you will know, all turnstiles do not operate at the same selling rate, partly because no operator can work at the same speed as his neighbour and also spectators have their favourite turnstiles which they go to. This would have the effect that some turnstiles would sell out of Cup-tie tickets before others and as soon as it became known that one turnstile had sold out all those people lining up in the street would make a rush to the next available turnstile where tickets were still being sold. I am sure I do not need to explain in detail what problems this would cause in the street but just in case anyone is in doubt you can take my word for it that there would be chaotic conditions. For the same reason it is not practical to move tickets between turnstiles because by the time this was effected the reaction in the street would have taken place and could not be retrieved.

Some of our older supporters may remember that we have tried out this method in the past at Reserve team matches and the chaos was bad enough then but if you multiply it by three or four times you will appreciate what could happen.

On the other hand we do sympathise with supporters who came from some distance and who have to give up a Sunday morning and pay high transport charges to get here and then, as I have said, have a repetition of the expenses when they come to the actual match. This is made even worse by the fact that in an effort to be fair to everybody we allowed only one ticket per person on these occasions. Here again if we made it two or three per person this would help the spectator because one man could come and buy the tickets for himself and his friends but what would happen if the queues were bigger than the number of tickets and we sold out before the queues were absorbed. Everyone would then say "why didn't you allocate on the basis of one person one ticket?"

We are very conscious of all these problems and it is not easy to solve them. Some people have suggested that the possible answer is for us to issue season tickets for the ground and I can tell you that this has been considered many times over a long period. I know for a fact that some big Clubs, particularly in the North, have tried this out - with disastrous results. It is one thing for, say, a 4th Division Club to issue 200 or 300 ground season tickets where their accommodation might be 8,000 to 10,000 and when a capacity crowd is an event of a decade but quite another for a First Division Club to sell maybe 10,000 ground season tickets where capacity crowds happen say two or three times a season. Inevitably a man with a ticket comes late. This is not a guess, it is a fact confirmed over and

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"Pity Arsenal Let So-and-So Go!"

By HAROLD PALMER (*Evening Standard*)

OVERHEARD in the Highbury crowd any match day: "Pity Arsenal let... so-and-so... go! Could do with him." True or false? Well, you might say I was trying to start something, but there are inevitably times when the most faithful of fans will make judgement on these lines.

So I thought an attempt to assess – without prejudice – what the club may, or may not, have missed by transferring players could at least be a controversial exercise.

I would not be so discourteous in this programme as to question the club's actions nor would I infer any criticism. The idea is rather inspired by the habit of sports writers, like myself, to refer to so many players as "formerly with Arsenal".

Some of these players have moved around since they left and it is in the nature of a tribute to Arsenal that their one time membership of the Highbury staff is recalled as the major feature of their careers.

Of course the reasons for players being transferred are many and various. Many of the less affluent clubs have to sell to keep going. Successful clubs with adequate support part with players who are unsettled or do not fit tactically or even personally.

There is no need to recall the reasons – even if they have been fully known – why some very talented players have left Arsenal over the years, but it is interesting to reflect on what has happened to them.

In the 60's Arsenal have sold a number of players who must be rated in the star class and I reckon the one who has given the best service to the club he left Highbury to join is centre-forward David Herd. He has played in more than 200 League games in his seven years with Manchester United and is still in their first team squad.

If, as was said at the time, Herd cost United £40,000 (and any fees I mention are not official but only those reported) then the Manchester club got full value.

It was in 1964 that Geoff Strong, who had first joined Arsenal as an amateur seven years earlier, was sold to Liverpool – another alleged £40,000 deal. This determined inside-forward is I think another who has given very good service – and he is still in the reckoning.

Two notable departures from Highbury in 1966 were international forwards, first Joe Baker and then George Eastham. Baker had been bought from Turin for £70,000 four years earlier. He went to Nottingham

Forest for £65,000. Eastham signed from Newcastle in 1960 for £47,500 went to Stoke for about £30,000.

Arsenal had had good value from them even if their departure was a bit disappointing for supporters. Both are still active. Although Eastham did not have the pleasure of facing his old club when Stoke visited Highbury on September 14, he is still more often in the side than out.

Baker continues to lead the Forest attack, but his tally of goals this season is only three so far, giving him an aggregate of 40 for Forest in three seasons.

The Forest recruited another star from Arsenal for £30,000, John Barnwell an intelligent constructive and very deliberate inside-forward. Although it is 13 years since he first arrived at Highbury he is still playing in League football. He went to Nottingham in the 1965 close season and has recently taken his appearances for the Forest beyond the 138 he made for Arsenal.

Arsenal for their part had bought inside-forward Colin Addison from Nottingham Forest, but he had been with them little more than a year when he left for Sheffield United. He cost about £40,000 and while he could not save United from relegation at least he is now their leading scorer in Second Division football with seven goals.

A surprise deal in September 1966 brought George Graham to Arsenal and for this Scottish centre-forward the Highbury club had to give Chelsea £50,000 and another striker in Tommy Baldwin, who at the time had made only nine League appearances for Arsenal.

Well, it must be admitted that Baldwin has put in some strong determined work for Chelsea and 61 Cup and League games have brought him 33 goals.

Chelsea already had another former Arsenal player on their books in centre-half Allan Young. He had been signed in November 1961, but while he has remained mainly a reserve team player he has stayed on the staff.

Another transfer to a London club was that of Laurie Brown to Spurs. It was in the summer of 1961 that Brown, famous as an amateur international centre-half, joined Arsenal from Northampton.

Brown was sold to Spurs in February 1964 for £40,000 and was immediately employed as centre-forward. Later he reverted to centre-half but within a couple of years had moved on to Norwich.

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GORDON WEST: When they signed him from Blackpool in March 1962, Everton paid what was then a record fee for a goalkeeper. A magnificently agile 'keeper, this former England Youth and Under-23 international is now a close challenger to Gordon Banks at full international level. Born Darfield, Yorkshire. 6 ft. 1 in., 13 st. 2 lb.

TOMMY WRIGHT: One of Everton's own discoveries, he was groomed in the junior sides, first as a goalscoring inside-forward, and then at half-back, before switching to full-back. Signed professional in March 1963 and made his League debut at Blackpool in October 1964. Won his first full England cap against Russia in Rome last June, and played again against Rumania last month. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st. 10 lb.

ALEX BROWN: This versatile former Partick Thistle player is equally at home at full-back or in the forward line. "Sandy" as he is known, is a former Scottish Under-23 international and was signed from Partick in September 1963. He is a hard-tackling defender, and one of the most experienced men in the side. Born Grangemouth. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 10 lb.

HOWARD KENDALL: This England Under-23 cap first stole the limelight when playing for Preston North End. In the 1964 F.A. Cup Final against West Ham he became the youngest – 17 years 345 days – player ever to appear in a Wembley final. He was the target of several leading clubs, when manager Harry Catterick signed him in March 1967. Born Durham. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st.

BRIAN LABONE: Worthy successor to a long line of brilliant Everton pivots. He won seven Under-23 caps between 1961 and 1963 before graduating to full honours (12 caps). Joined Everton in the 1957 summer, making his senior debut the following season. Received the F.A. Cup in 1966 as Everton's captain. Has announced plans to retire when his contract expires next June. Born Liverpool. 6 ft. 1 in., 12 st. 11 lb.

COLIN HARVEY: Had one of the toughest debuts imaginable, playing his first senior game in a European Cup-tie against Inter-Milan, the eventual winners, in Italy four years ago, when 18. Another local lad, he graduated through the junior sides, playing at inside-forward before switching to half-back. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 6½ in., 11 st.

JIMMY HUSBAND: Another of Everton's impressive young stars who has worked his way up through the junior sides. Made his League debut against Fulham in April 1965. A stocky, bustling forward with a powerful shot in either foot, he has been honoured by England at Schoolboy, Youth and Under-23 levels. Born Newcastle-on-Tyne. 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 9 lb.

ALAN BALL: One of England's and Everton's most valuable assets, he cost what was then a record fee in a deal between British clubs when transferred from Blackpool in August 1966. He was a key member of England's victorious World Cup squad and has 28 full caps to date. Began his career with Blackpool, signing professional forms in August 1962. Born Farnworth. 5 ft. 7 in., 9 st. 10 lb.

JOE ROYLE: Only 19, he has established himself as one of Harry Catterick's finest discoveries, and scored his first hat-trick in last Saturday's 7-1 victory over Leicester. Arrived at Goodison Park straight from school and was a 15-year-old apprentice when he made his Central League debut. In January 1966, when just 16, he made his senior debut. Has won England Youth and Under-23 honours. Born Liverpool. 6 ft., 13 st. 2 lb.

JOHN HURST: Another of Everton's local products, Hurst played for England and Blackpool schools and also gained Youth international recognition. He signed professional in October 1964 and made his senior debut ten months later. Has also won England Under-23 honours. Born Blackpool. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st. 4 lb.

JOHN MORRISSEY: It is not often that players move from one Merseyside club to another, but Morrissey did so in August 1962 when he was signed from Liverpool, with whom his chances had been limited. He won a League Championship medal in his first season with Everton. A local-born player he is a fast, aggressive winger. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 7 in., 11 st. 10 lb.

THEIR MANAGER

HARRY CATTERICK: One of the leading managers in British football, he signed a new seven-year contract with the club in October 1967. He is a former Everton centre-forward who started his managerial career as player-manager at Crewe. He then had spells as manager at Rochdale and Sheffield Wednesday before returning to Goodison Park in April 1961.

Past Matches between Arsenal and Everton

Division I

<i>Season</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>
1904-05	2-1	1-0	1926-27	1-2	1-3	1950-51	2-1	1-1
1905-06	1-2	1-0	1927-28	3-2	3-3	1954-55	2-0	0-1
1906-07	3-1	1-2	1928-29	2-0	2-4	1955-56	3-2	1-1
1907-08	2-1	1-1	1929-30	4-0	1-1	1956-57	2-0	0-4
1908-09	0-4	3-0	1931-32	3-2	3-1	1957-58	2-3	2-2
1909-10	1-0	0-1	1932-33	2-1	1-1	1958-59	3-1	6-1
1910-11	1-0	0-2	1933-34	1-2	1-3	1959-60	2-1	1-3
1911-12	0-1	0-1	1934-35	2-0	2-0	1960-61	3-2	1-4
1912-13	0-0	0-3	1935-36	1-1	2-0	1961-62	2-3	1-4
1919-20	1-1	3-2	1936-37	3-2	1-1	1962-63	4-3	1-1
1920-21	1-1	4-2	1937-38	2-1	4-1	1963-64	6-0	1-2
1921-22	1-0	1-1	1938-39	1-2	0-2	1964-65	3-1	0-1
1922-23	1-2	0-1	1946-47	2-1	2-3	1965-66	0-1	1-3
1923-24	0-1	1-3	1947-48	1-1	2-0	1966-67	3-1	0-0
1924-25	3-1	3-2	1948-49	5-0	0-0	1967-68	2-2	0-2
1925-26	4-1	3-2	1949-50	5-2	1-0			

Arsenal's score shown first.

Summary of League Encounters

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Home ..	47	30	6	11	98	57	66
Away ..	47	13	12	22	64	76	38
	94	43	18	33	162	133	104

F.A. Challenge Cup

1910—Second Round: Everton won 5-0.

1928—Fourth Round: Arsenal won 4-3.

F.A. Charity Shield

1933—Arsenal won 3-0.



EVERTON F.C. 1968-69

Back row : R. Kenyon, A. Rankin, G. West, G. Barnett, J. Royle.

Centre row : W. Dixon (Trainer), J. Hurst, H. Kendall, C. Harvey, T. Jackson, A. Young, A. Brown.

Front row : R. Wilson, J. Morrissey, J. Husband, Mr. H. Catterick (Manager), B. Labone, A. Ball, T. Wright.



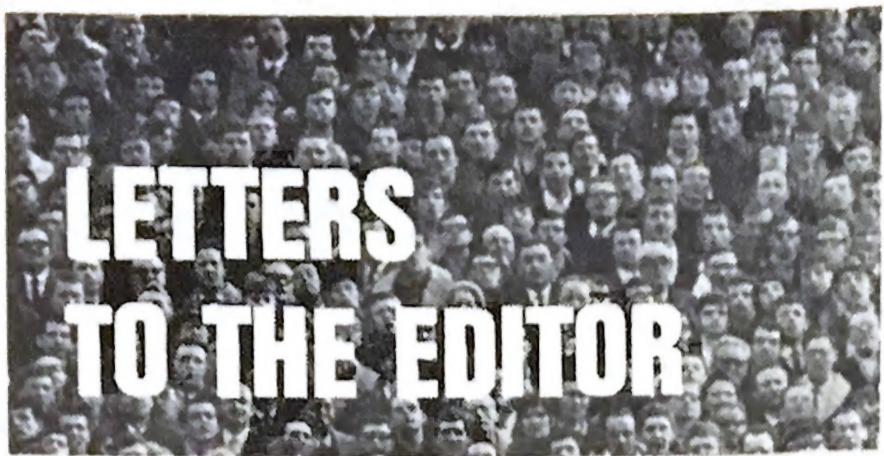


Jimmy Robertson's Goal is a winner at Turf Moor

(Sorry Jimmy you are not in the picture, but the ball is in the back of the net, and that in itself always makes a good picture!)

The other pictures (left to right): Jones punches clear for Burnley : Bobby Gould gets in a header which was deflected for a corner : Dobson heads past Ian Ure and Frank McLintock, but there was no danger.





In the programme for the Newcastle game, J. R. Gardner said he could not see the half-time scoreboard. Well, I can see the scoreboard alright, but at the mid-week games, such as League Cup and F.A. Cup, I always look to the half-time scoreboard, but alas no scores.

Would it be at all possible to have mid-week half-time scores? – if only the London clubs it would be something.

D. E. Barnes.

32, Thomas Bata Avenue,
East Tilbury,
Grays, Essex.

Editor's Note: Point taken! When there are other games in the evening we will take this into consideration.



I have never seen a letter in the Arsenal programme which has said anything about the Gunners' Shop. So I would like to say that I think the Gunners' Shop is very good and the quality of the goods is very high indeed. But there is one thing I would like to see on sale and that is an Arsenal Diary. It could contain facts about Arsenal special dates in the season, records of Arsenal and valuable information for Arsenal supporters. I'm sure other Arsenal supporters would like to see an Arsenal Diary on sale at the Gunners' Shop.

C. Shipston.

9, Verdun Road,
Plumstead,
London, S.E.18.

Editor's Note: Thank you Mr. Shipston, we will look into this but it's a bit late for 1969.

It is regretted that purely because of space available, it is not possible to reproduce a large percentage of letters received. We still like receiving them, however.

I should like to express my delight at the excellent Arsenal programmes, being issued this season, and I must add my horror! that I shall almost certainly be asked again this season to CUT them up, in order to obtain my FINAL ticket, as it must be better than even chance we reach a Final this year again (Hooray).

May I offer a suggestion to obviate this mutilation of the best programme in the Football League?

Let the supporters wishing to keep their programmes IN ONE PIECE, bring them to the Arsenal Shop during midweek, and obtain a credit card similar to that issued last season with the League Cup tickets, a small stamp could cancel each numbered coupon in the programme, to be certain that only one card is issued to each set of programmes.

I feel certain that this suggestion would not cause the Club Shop too much inconvenience but it would mean a lot to me, to keep my programmes for my three-year-old son, who is already an Arsenal supporter, I trust you will find it possible to put my idea into practice, as my two brothers and myself, who all have complete sets of programmes, have been thinking for weeks now, how we can keep our programmes without missing the Final, which with fingers crossed, the team so richly deserves this season,

Best of luck in the Semi, I feel sure we can beat our old friends from across the road, and make all this a reality. Congratulations to the Club on its fifty years, and let's hope the hundred may be possible.

P. W. Jackson.

30, Rectory Meadow,
Chinnor, Oxford.
OX9 4PJ.

Editor's Note: This suggestion is fine – looked at from the point of view of the individual. Multiply the work involved at the Shop by, say even 30,000, and you will realise how impossible the task would be!

Letters that bear no name and address and are simply signed "An Arsenal Supporter" will not be published even though they may contain interesting material.

In response to your request about the subject of the half-time results service: I agree that in certain areas of the Stadium it is difficult to see the complete half-time scoreboard.

Also it is difficult to discern between different scorelines, especially when three or four of the same numbers fall in line. Therefore, I suggest that two separate colours be used. For example, white for letter A, yellow for B, white for C, etc. I hope this suggestion proves useful.

Congratulations on fifty successive seasons in Division One, and on the present team's good form.

R. Humphrey.

89, Colet House,
Doddington Grove,
Walworth, London S.E.17.

Editor's Note: Several suggestions have been made which will receive attention in due course. Many more letters said that no problem exists, but, presumably, it depends where you stand every week. Rest assured we shall give the whole question a great deal of thought before we take any positive steps to change the present system.

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A notable move across North London has been made this season by David Jenkins, an inside-forward from Bristol developed by Arsenal, but at least his departure made way for the arrival from Tottenham of winger Jimmy Robertson.

Alan Skirton was a strong go-ahead player who put a lot of drive into the Arsenal attack when he was on the wing. He came from Bath in January 1959 and by the time he was sold to Blackpool had scored 53 League goals.

He did not fail Blackpool, but I think Arsenal had had the best of him. Now he has been in the news again with his move to Bristol City.

Another star performer Arsenal let go was Welsh international centre-half Mel Charles. He had cost them £40,000 from Swansea and they let him go to Cardiff for about £28,000. That was in February 1962 and another interesting deal was the sale of winger Johnny McLeod to Aston Villa for £40,000, the same fee as had been paid to Hibs. for him three years earlier. He got a free transfer at the end of last season.

Of course, there are hosts of others who carry that "ex-Arsenal" tag, and are at least getting an occasional show in League football.

Fulham have two in Irish international goalkeeper John McClelland and full-back or centre-half John Ryan. Wing-half Tom Walley is doing a good job at Watford.

Norwich paid about £15,000 for left-winger Terry Anderson in February 1965 and now have him doing a midfield job in the No. 6 shirt. He was one of Arsenal's home products.

Brighton have two in their side at the moment, goalkeeper Tony Burns, Tonbridge born and a lively little Scottish winger in Brian Tawse. They also have the Irish international back Jimmy Magill. They all arrived from Highbury.

A clever little footballer in whom Arsenal placed great hopes when he arrived from Wrexham in February 1961 was Arfon Griffiths, but only 18 months later he was back at his native Wrexham and he is still playing well for them.

Oxford United have a couple of first teamers who had their soccer schooling at Highbury, wing-halves Colin Clarke and Rodney Smithson. Then there is Ian McKechnie who joined Arsenal as a winger and developed into a goalkeeper. the position he now fills for Southend.

Ray Whittaker, Bow born, joined Arsenal in 1960 and has been a regular first team winger for Luton for several seasons. Roy Pack and Tommy Youlden are at Portsmouth and I am not forgetting that Orient's player-manager Jimmy Bloomfield was at one time a Highbury favourite.

And I could go on. There are others who made little impression as youngsters at Highbury but have blossomed a little elsewhere, but all told it does seem to me there need be little self recrimination over the players who have been allowed to get away.

THE GATES AT ARSENAL MATCHES

Tottenham Hotspur	League	Away	56,280
Leicester City	League	Home	32,164
Liverpool	League	Home	43,535
Wolverhampton	League	Away	36,006
Ipswich Town	League	Away	25,825
Manchester City	League	Home	40,746
Queen's Park R.	League	Home	44,407
Sunderland	League Cup	Home	28,460
Southampton	League	Away	25,126
Stoke City	League	Home	28,275
Leeds United	League	Away	39,946
Scunthorpe United	League Cup	Away	17,450
Sunderland	League	Home	35,277
Manchester United	League	Away	61,843
Manchester City	League	Away	33,830
Coventry City	League	Home	35,240
Liverpool	League Cup	Home	39,299
West Bromwich A.	League	Away	29,324
West Ham United	League	Home	59,533
Blackpool	League Cup	Home	32,321
Newcastle United	League	Home	34,168
Nottingham Forest	League	Away	24,550
Tottenham Hotspur	League Cup	Home	55,237
Chelsea	League	Home	45,588
		Total	904,430

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION
BRISTOL ROVERS
Saturday, 14th December
KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE
WEST BROMWICH ALBION
Saturday, 21st December
KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

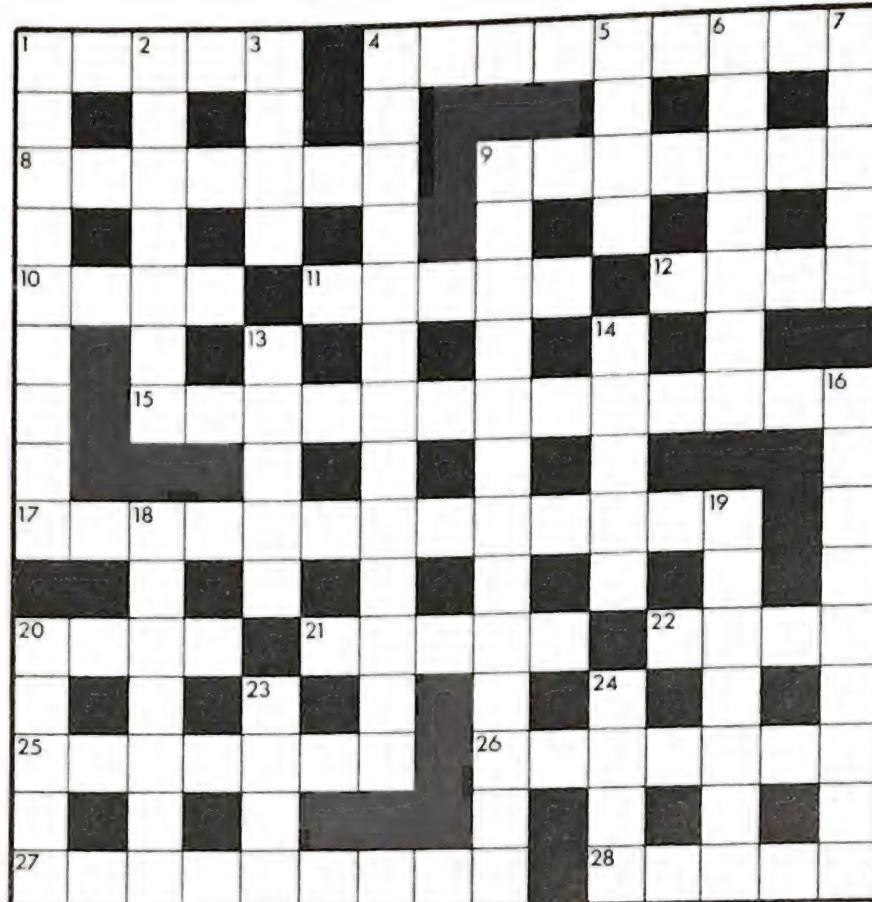
FOOTBALL LEAGUE
MANCHESTER UNITED
Thursday, 26th December
KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

Arsenal Crossword

NUMBER 15 Compiled by John Barrett

Clues Across

- Birds that offend, by the sound of them (5)
- Manchester City and England forward (5, 4)
- Garden arrangement (7)
- He plays for enjoyment (7)
- High T, everyone (4)
- Often let off in an argument (5)
- Sussex cricketer – two to choose from (4)
- Ranked tennis player (9, 4)
- Eminent natter could describe football (13)
- At the very centres of things (4)
- Haynes and Sammels initially are penalised (5)
- Network (4)
- He's never likely to go to a match (7)
- Work (7)



- Umpire's call with four balls gone (3, 2, 4)
- Not for the dawdler (5)

Clues Down

- How to shoot instantly (5, 4)
- Light source fading? . . in Ireland (7)
- Stepney's start lifts you (4)
- Conquerors of Leeds United in the Football League Cup (7, 6)
- Close (4)
- Perform (7)
- House of cricket? (5)
- Despaired, or a deserted W.B.A. forward? (9, 4)
- Clever (5)
- This puts things in order (5)
- Stoke and former Arsenal forward (5, 4)
- It usually goes up in smoke (7)
- Row with a view? (7)
- England's Geoff (5)
- Indoor game (4)
- Captures (4)

All-Ticket Matches

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over again. Imagine the chaotic conditions in the street when we are playing, say, Tottenham Hotspur in a League match when the ground approaches capacity 30 minutes before kick-off and the Police and our Officials know that ground season ticket holders will be turning up much later, and even after the kick-off. The season ticket holder would be entitled to demand admittance but what do you do with the people in the street.

Numerous problems

You may say that we should make "pens" for the season ticket holders and even this has been tried on some grounds. The result – people in other crowded pens then attempt to make a break for the area which is being retained for season ticket holders. Take it from me, wherever this has been tried out at a big Club there have been numerous problems. Whenever we have broached it with our local Police we have been asked not to do it.

I think I am speaking on behalf of all Club Officials when I say that we do not enjoy having to arrange an

all-ticket match. I am sure I am right when I say that few members of the public are happy when they read that we have arranged an all-ticket match. In the interests of public security, however, we must consult the Police and if they hold the view that it is a necessity then we would be foolish not to accept their advice.

Serious consideration

I am sure I have not solved any of the problems by writing this article but at least I have been able to let you know that we do not arrange these matches without due and serious consideration and in the best interests of everyone who wishes to attend.

Another factor which worries us is that we are located in a densely populated residential area and we quite appreciate that people living in the streets adjacent to the stadium are upset by large crowds coming to the stadium on a Sunday morning, or in the evenings to purchase Cup-tie tickets. Our local residents are wonderful people and they have to put up with a lot of inconvenience on match days. We feel that at least they are entitled to a quiet Sunday especially when they have had the problems of a home match on a Saturday. Here again, what can we do?

Appearances and Goalscorers

(Up to and including Saturday, 30th November)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

McNab	20	Sammels	17 (1)
Storey	20	Jenkins	14 (3)
Wilson	20	Gould	13 (2)
Court	19 (2)	Armstrong	8 (1)
Simpson	19	Graham	7
McLintock	18 (1)	Ure	6
Neill	18 (2)	Robertson	3 (1)
Radford	18 (9)		

Own Goal: 1.

Substitutes: Gould 4, Armstrong 2, Johnston 2, Graham 1.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

McLintock	5	Neill	4 (1)
McNab	5	Radford	4 (3)
Simpson	5 (2)	Graham	3
Storey	5	Gould	3 (2)
Wilson	5	Sammels	3 (1)
Armstrong	4 (2)	Ure	3
Court	4 (1)	Jenkins	2 (3)

Substitutes: Gould 2, Court 1.

" 11	Sheffield Wednesday	..	Home	.....
" 18	Newcastle United	..	Away	.....
" 25 (4) ..	Nottingham Forest	..	Home	.....
" 8	Chelsea (5) ..	..	Away	.....
" 15	Burnley	..	Home	.....
" 22	Everton	..	Away	.....
Feb. 1	Tottenham Hotspur (6)	..	Home	.....
" 8	Liverpool	..	Away	.....
" 15	Ipswich Town	..	Home	.....

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queen's Park Rangers ..	9	6	3	0	26	11	15
Tottenham Hotspur ..	8	7	0	1	25	3	14
Fulham ..	8	7	0	1	25	8	14
ARSENAL ..	8	5	3	0	19	5	13
Bristol Rovers ..	9	6	1	2	20	14	13
Crystal Palace ..	9	6	1	2	13	9	13
West Ham United ..	9	3	6	0	17	9	12
Cardiff City ..	8	4	2	2	9	9	10
Oxford United ..	8	4	2	2	13	13	10
Gillingham ..	9	4	2	3	9	11	10
Ipswich Town ..	8	3	3	2	21	13	9
Southampton ..	8	4	0	4	11	6	8
Norwich City ..	8	2	4	2	18	12	8
Birmingham City ..	10	4	0	6	19	17	8
Leicester City ..	9	4	0	5	16	20	8
Swansea Town ..	10	2	3	5	16	26	7
Chelsea ..	8	2	2	4	15	15	6
Northampton Town ..	7	3	0	4	10	15	6
Peterborough United ..	8	1	4	3	7	15	6
Plymouth Argyle ..	8	2	1	5	6	10	5
Reading ..	9	2	1	6	8	27	5
Bristol City ..	6	2	0	4	9	12	4
Luton Town ..	9	1	2	6	10	30	4
Walsall ..	6	1	1	4	12	18	3
Bournemouth & Boscombe ..	8	0	3	5	9	20	3
Swindon Town ..	7	0	0	7	2	17	0

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Carmichael	8	George	6
Cumming	8 (3)	Kennedy	6 (2)
Johnston	8 (6)	Davidson	5
Nelson	8	Kelly	5 (1)
Rice	8	Armstrong	1
Webster	8	Dixon	1
Simmons	7 (6)	Gould	1
Woodward	7 (1)	Ure	1

Substitutes: Burtenshaw 1, Davidson 1, Simmons 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Carmichael	9	Furnell	4
Nelson	9	Johnston	4 (4)
Cumming	8 (2)	Simmons	4 (1)
Ure	8 (1)	Woodward	4
Davidson	7 (1)	Armstrong	3
Kelly	7	Graham	3 (1)
Rice	7	Kennedy	3 (1)
George	6 (7)	Dixon	1
Neilson	6 (4)	Redmile	1
Webster	5		

Substitutes: George 1, Kennedy 1, Simmons 1, Woodward 1.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

English	12	Kennedy	4 (1)
Redmile	12	Hughes (J.)	3
Simmonds	12 (1)	Webster	2
deGaris	11 (2)	Wood	2
Reilly	11	Brookman (J.)	1
Dixon	10 (1)	Chapman (T.)	1
Johnson	10	Cumbes	1
Ritchie	10 (2)	George	1
Burton	9	Kelly	1
Addo	6 (2)	Neilson	1
Arrowsmith	5	Nicholson	1
Forsyth	5 (2)	Sechal (L.)	1
Thomson	5 (1)	Simmons	1 (1)
Williams	5		

Own Goals: 2.

Substitutes: Williams 1, Hughes (J.) 1.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur ..	12	8	2	2	34	16	18
West Ham United ..	16	6	4	6	23	25	16
Stevenage Athletic ..	12	6	3	3	17	14	15
Bletchley ..	11	6	2	3	16	10	14
Metropolitan Police ..	11	7	0	4	31	28	14
Bury Town ..	9	6	1	2	18	6	13
Chelmsford City ..	14	5	3	6	25	24	13
Cray Wanderers ..	11	5	2	4	20	14	12
Braintree and Crittall A..	10	5	2	3	14	10	12
Romford ..	13	4	4	5	31	33	12
Sheppen United ..	10	5	1	4	24	23	11
ARSENAL ..	13	5	1	7	16	27	11
Hatfield Town ..	12	2	6	4	17	20	10
Wellingborough Town ..	12	4	0	8	21	27	8
Wimbledon ..	8	2	1	5	9	15	5
Bedford Town ..	14	1	2	11	12	36	4

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION I

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	1968	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
Aug.	10	Tottenham Hotspur ..	Away	2 1
"	13	Leicester City ..	Home	3 0
"	17	Liverpool ..	Home	1 1
"	21	Wolverhampton Wanderers ..	Away	0 0
"	24	Ipswich Town ..	Away	2 1
"	27	Manchester City ..	Home	4 1
"	31	Queen's Park Rangers ..	Home	2 1
Sept.	7	Southampton ..	Away	2 1
"	14	Stoke City ..	Home	1 0
"	21	Leeds United ..	Away	0 2
"	28	Sunderland ..	Home	0 0
Oct.	5	Manchester United ..	Away	0 0
"	9	Manchester City ..	Away	1 1
"	12	Coventry City ..	Home	2 1
"	19	West Bromwich Albion ..	Away	0 1
"	26	West Ham United ..	Home	0 0
Nov.	9	Newcastle United ..	Home	0 0
"	16	Nottingham Forest ..	Away	2 0
"	23	Chelsea ..	Home	0 1
"	30	Burnley ..	Away	1 0
Dec.	7	Everton ..	Home	.....
"	14	Coventry City ..	Away	.....
"	21	West Bromwich Albion ..	Home	.....
"	26	Manchester United ..	Home	.....
"	28	West Ham United ..	Away	.....
1969				
Jan.	4	(3) ..	Home	.....
"	11	Sheffield Wednesday ..	Home	.....
"	18	Newcastle United ..	Away	.....
"	25	(4) ..	Home	.....
Feb.	1	Nottingham Forest ..	Home	.....
"	8	Chelsea (5) ..	Away	.....
"	15	Burnley ..	Home	.....
"	22	Everton ..	Away	.....
Mar.	1	Tottenham Hotspur (6)	Home	.....
"	8	Liverpool ..	Away	.....
"	15	Ipswich Town ..	Home	.....
"	22	Queen's Park Rangers (S.F.)	Away	.....
"	29	Southampton ..	Home	.....
April	5	Sunderland ..	Away	.....
"	7	Wolverhampton Wan. ..	Home	.....
"	8	Leicester City ..	Away	.....
"	12	Leeds United ..	Home	.....
"	14	Sheffield Wednesday ..	Away	.....
"	19	Stoke City ..	Away	.....

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	1968	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
Aug.	10	Sheppee United ..	Home	2 5
"	13	Stevenage Athletic ..	Home	1 0
"	17	Chelmsford City ..	Home	3 2
"	20	Wellingborough Town (A.S.)	Home	1 1
"	24	Metropolitan Police ..	Home	3 5
"	27	Bedford Town (A.S.) ..	Home	3 1
"	31	Crittall Athletic ..	Home	2 1
Sept.	3	Stevenage Athletic (A.S.)	Home	1 2
"	7	Bletchley (C.C.) ..	Home	2 3
"	14	Hatfield Town ..	Home	0 0
"	21	Bedford Town ..	Home	1 0
"	28	West Ham United ..	Away	1 0
Oct.	5	Romford (P.C.) ..	Away	1 7
"	12	Sheppee United ..	Away	1 3
"	16	Wellingborough Town ..	Away	0 2
"	19	Tottenham Hotspur ..	Away	0 4
"	26	Wellingborough Town (A.S.)	Away	2 2
Nov.	11	Bedford Town (A.S.) ..	Away	0 3
"	16	West Ham United ..	Home	0 1
"	23	Metropolitan Police ..	Away	2 4

A.S.—Autumn Shield

C.C.—Challenge Cup

P.C.—Professional Cup

Please note that HOME fixtures are played at our Junior Ground at London Colney, Herts.

	1968	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
	Sept.	4	Sunderland (2nd Rd.) ..	Home 1 0
	"	25	Scunthorpe United (3rd Rd.) ..	Away 6 1
	Oct.	15	Liverpool (4th Rd.) ..	Home 2 1
	"	29	Blackpool (5th Rd.) ..	Home 5 1
	Nov.	20	Tottenham Hotspur (S.F.) ..	Home 1 0
	Dec.	4	Tottenham Hotspur (S.F.) ..	Away 1 1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

	1968	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
	Aug.	10	Reading ..	Home 5 0
	"	17	Southampton ..	Away 2 2
	"	21	Bournemouth ..	Home 2 1
	"	24	Oxford ..	Home 4 1
	"	28	Reading ..	Away 1 2
	"	31	Oxford ..	Away 1 0
	Sept.	7	Southampton ..	Home 2 3
	"	11	Swindon ..	Home 2 0
	"	21	Bournemouth ..	Away 3 1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CHAMPIONSHIP

	1968	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
	Oct.	5	Swindon ..	Home 3 1
	"	12	Norwich ..	Away 2 1
	"	19	Bournemouth ..	Home 5 2
	"	26	West Ham United ..	Away 1 1
	Nov.	2	Peterborough ..	Home 6 0
	"	12	Walsall ..	Away 0 0
	"	16	Southampton ..	Home 1 0
	"	23	Crystal Palace ..	Away 1 1
	Dec.	7	Cardiff ..	Away ..
	"	14	Bristol Rovers ..	Home ..
	"	21	Birmingham ..	Away ..
	"	28	Northampton ..	Home ..
	1969	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
	Jan.	4	Luton ..	Away ..
	"	18	Gillingham ..	Away ..
	"	25	Leicester ..	Home ..
	Feb.	1	Chelsea ..	Away ..
	"	8	Bristol City ..	Home ..
	"	19	Oxford ..	Away ..
	Mar.	8	Fulham ..	Home ..
	"	22	Ipswich ..	Home ..
	"	25	Swansea ..	Away ..
	"	29	Tottenham Hotspur ..	Away ..
	April	9	Reading ..	Away ..
	"	19	Queen's Park Rangers ..	Home ..

	1968	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
	Dec.	14	Bury Town ..	Away ..
	"	21	Gray Wanderers ..	Home ..
	"	26	Hatfield Town ..	Away ..
	"	28	Romford ..	Away ..
	1969	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
	Jan.	4	Wellingborough Town ..	Home ..
	"	11	Wimbledon ..	Away ..
	"	18	Stevenage Athletic ..	Away ..
	"	25	Bedford Town ..	Away ..
	Feb.	22	Tottenham Hotspur ..	Home ..
	Mar.	1	Crittall Athletic ..	Away ..
	"	8	Chelmsford City ..	Away ..
	"	15	Bletchley ..	Away ..
	"	22	Romford ..	Home ..
	April	5	Bury Town ..	Home ..
	"	12	Wimbledon ..	Home ..
	"	19	Bletchley ..	Home ..
	Undated		Cray Wanderers ..	Away ..

Arsenal

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Everton

Colours:—Shirts: Blue.
Shorts: White, Blue Seams.
Stockings: Blue and White.



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	STOREY	2	WRIGHT
	McNAB	3	BROWN
	McLINTOCK	4	KENDALL
	URE	5	LABONE
	SIMPSON	6	HARVEY
	RADFORD	7	HUSBAND
	COURT	8	BALL
	SAMMELS	9	ROYLE
	GOULD	10	HURST
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Linesman (Yellow Flag): Mr. D. W. JONES (Swansea, Glam.)

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

The following items of music will be included in the programme to be played by the Metropolitan Police Band, conducted by Major W. Williams, M.B.E., A.R.C.M., Director of Music.

MARCH	"Washington Grays"	Grafulla	POP PARADE SELECTION
SELECTION	"West Side Story"	Bernstein	""Tis The Day" Leoncavallo
THREE PIECES	(a) "Wind in the Wood"	Siebert	(Vocalist: Constable Alex. Morgan)
	(b) "Spanish Gipsy Dance"	Marquina	
	(c) "Nights of Gladness"	Ancliffe	MARCHES (a) "Washington Post" Sousa
SELECTION	"White Horse Inn"	Stolz	(b) "Liberty Bell" Sousa